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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before examining the subject application, please amend it as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 5, 10-15, 17-19, 21-23, and 25-27 as follows:

--3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said
polymorphism leads to an increased or decreased activation of genes of the lipid metabolism,
in particular of the cholesterol metabolism.--